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Re: Julia Remond Et Al

Date: 10/78 (month/year)

Washington D. C.

November 5, 1943

Memorandum
Honorable George Morris Fay
United States Attorney
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

RECORDED SUBJECT; ELIZABETH TAYLOR

CRIMINAL Victim

EXCITATION

CRIMINAL

EXCITATION - 2

DEPT. OF JUSTICE

This is to confirm conversation on October 14, 1943, between Assistant U. S. Attorney JOHN L. LEWIS and SA R. A. TAYLOR of this Office, at which time Mr. LEWIS declined prosecution in the above entitled case for reasons of lack of evidence to prove a violation and because the public interest would not be served by lengthy investigation in view of the content of the letter identifying it as a "crack letter."

This case involved the ~~circulation~~ through the mails of a letter to Miss ELIZABETH TAYLOR which was recently publicized in the Espionage hearings conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The letter was handwritten in poor writing and contained several misspellings of simple words. The signature on the letter is somewhat illegible but appeared to be "Sandy." It was postmarked August 12, 1943, at Lowell, Massachusetts, and addressed in manuscript, as follows: "Spy Author, R. BENTLEY, c/o Senator F. N. W., Washington, D. C." The body of the letter is also set forth as follows:

"Lowell Mass.

"Dear Betty,

"Congratulations on your new story U.S.A. You should have got 4 stars instead of one medal. It will be the last story you will ever write. We will write the last chapter.

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letter to the Washington, D. C.
FBI Headquarters in accordance with
Policy, effective

In view of the above, no further investigation is being
conducted in this matter by this office and the case is being con-
cluded.

Very truly yours,

W. M. HUTCHINS
Special Agent in Charge

FBI Bureau

WASH.
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